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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2005, having a response period set to expire on June 9, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a request for an extension of time of three months, until September 9, 2005, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.  
Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.